GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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REVIEW OF OPEN SKY POLICY
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting was held between his Ministry of External Affairs to review the Open Sky Policy in December 2002;

(b) if so, the details of the discussions held and the decision taken;

(c) whether India allowed additional flights from USA and Europe from December, 2002 outside the bilateral agreement;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to take maximum benefit from open sky policy?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e): In pursuance to discussions in the meeting held under the Chairmanship of Minister of External Affairs with Ministers of Tourism and Civil Aviation in September, 2002, an open sky policy has been adopted by the Government allowing operation of extra section flights by airlines of USA and West European countries outside the bilateral entitlements from 1st December, 2002 to 31st March, 2003 subject to commercial agreement with Air India. This has enabled foreign carriers to mount extra flights to meet the demand during the peak tourist season.